(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to remove the unauthorised caterers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Licences for contractors at Tinsukia and Siliguri stations were terminated for introduction of comprehensive departmental catering. Contractors brought injunction from Court restraining railway from taking over the unit from contractors Steps have been taken for vacation of injunction.

Development of Soangaon Airport

1854. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the programme for the development of Soangaon airport during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) What were the proposals for development of the airport during the Sixth Five Year Plan and the amount sanctioned to be spent during the year 1984-85;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount sanctioned for expansion and other works of Soangaon airport for the year 1984-85 lapsed because the work was not undertaken during the financial year; and

(d) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Extension and modification of terminal building strengthening of runway and associated pavements, augmentation of water and power supply and construction of residential quarters and barracks for security staff have been included in the draft Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) Construction of operational wall and compound wall, augmentation of water and power supply improvement of staff amenities and extension and modification of terminal building were included in the Sixth Five Year Plan. In the Revised Estimates 1984-85, a provision of Rs. 9.20 lakhs was made for these works.

(c) No, Sir, Works which pertained to staff amenities were undertaken during the year, 1984-85, at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.20 lakhs. However, new work of extension and modification of terminal building for which a provision of Rs. 5 lakhs was made in the year 1984-85, could not be started.

(d) Extension and modification of terminal building was not included in the original Sixth Five Year Plan. Permission for its inclusion was received from the Planning Commission in November, 1984. Therefore, the work could not be started in the financial year 1984-85.

Medical Education in the Country

1855. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Central Government to State Governments for not starting new medical colleges in view of sufficient medical education facilities available in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal pending with Government or the All India Medical Education Council for starting new colleges and for approval of degrees of the colleges started during the last two years; and

(c) what new steps have been taken for prevention of charging of capitation fees in private medical colleges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. However, the 9th Joint Conference of the Central Council for Health and Central Family Welfare Council had adopted a Resolution in 1983 that no new medical colleges should be allowed to be opened in any State|U.T. without prior approval of the State| U.T. Government, Medical Council of India and the Government of India.

(b) No such proposal is pending with the Govenment of India. The Medical Council of India has reported that the Council has received requests from 4 medical colleges seeking recognition of their medical qualifications.

(c) The Government of India are opposed to the practice of charging of capitation fee for admission of students in medical colleges and have been advising the State Governments to do away with the system of Capitation fee. The Joint Conference of Central Councils of Health and Family Welfare at their meeting held on 7th—9th July, 1983 had also passed a resolution to the effect that "All States|U.Ts should take steps to put an end to the practice of charging capitation fee for admission of students to medical colleges".

Captive generation plant for Calcutta Metro Railway

1856. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has rejected in principle a Railway Boards' proposal to set up captive generation plant for Calcutta Metro Railways, which is expected to have a total power requirement of 53 MW once it is fully operational;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative arrangements have been made by the Metro authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Government of West Bengal have confirmed that they would meet the power requirements of Calcutta Metro.

Achievements in the Family Welfare Programmes

1857. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accelerate the progress of family welfare programmes in those States whch are lagging behind the targets; and

(b) if so, what are the Statewise figures of achievements during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) A statement showing the Statewise achievement figures during the last three years is annexed (*See* Appendix CXXXVI. Appendix No. 33) Implementation of the family welfare programme by the States is constantly appraised, major problem areas identified and appropriate strategies adopted so as to improve performance in States including those which are lagging behind the targets.

Construction of overbridges and subways between Madras Beach and Tambaram

1858. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of work undertaken by the Railways for the construction of new railway overbridges and subways between Madras Beach and Tambaram; and

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The following works of subways road under bridges between Madras Beach and